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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME ON NOVEMBER 30 THAT ANTONIO NUNEZ, CASTRO'S HIGH-POWERED AMBASSADOR HERE, WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING PERU PERMANENTLY. NUNEZ HAD CALLED ON DE LA PUENTE TO INFORM HIS OFFICIALLY OF THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE. THE CUBAN HAS BEEN ELECTED A MEMBER OF HIS COUNTRY'S NEW LEGISLATIVE BODY.

2. COMMENT: DURING THE "FIRST PHASE" NUNEZ WAS A PROMINENT AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURE ON THE PERUVIAN SCENE. HE HAD CLOSE PERSONAL TIES TO VELASCO, AUGUSTO ZIMMERMAN, LEONIDES RORIGUEZ AND OTHER LEADING "REVOLUTIONARIES" -- TIES THAT HE FLAUNTED PUBLICLY WITH SCANT REGARD FOR DIPLOMATIC DECORUM. AS CUBAN FORTUNES HAVE DECLINED HERE, THE AMBASSADOR HAS FADED INTO THE BACKGROUND, ABSENTING HIMSELF FROM THE COUNTRY FOR LENGTHY PERIODS. THE CUBAN EMBASSY HAS AT THE SAME TIME LOWERED ITS PROFILE AND REDUCED ITS PERSONNEL.

3. DE LA PUENTE DESCRIBED NUNEZ AS "BRILLIANT" AND GENERALLY DEFT IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE PERUVIANS, UNLIKE THE WIFE WHO IS APPARENTLY A RATHER CLUMSY FANATIC. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSERTED THAT HE HAD CHIDED NUNEZ FOR
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INTERVENING TOO WIDELY AND TOO OPENLY IN INTERNAL PERUVIAN AFFAIRS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE CUBANS HAD ONLY DONE WHAT THEY WERE "INVITED" TO DO, A RESPONSE DE LA PUENTE CHARACTERIZED TO ME AS PROBABLY ACCURATE GIVEN VELASCO'S ATTITUDES.
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